

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Marine Fisheries

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Boards of Selectmen of: Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield, Duxbury, Plymouth, Bourne, Sandwich, Barnstable, Dennis, Yarmouth, Brewster, Orleans, Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that **whole or roe-on Sea scallops** (*Placopecten magellanicus*) from the below-defined portions of Massachusetts Bay and Cape Cod Bay **no longer contain biotoxins** (**PSP**) from the phytoplankton <u>Alexandrium (spp)</u> in excess of established standards.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, 75 and 322 CMR 7.01 (7) at sunrise on November 1, 2006, Sea scallops in the below-defined portions of Massachusetts Bay and Cape Cod Bay will revert to their former status prior to the PSP closures of May 26, 2005. Those shellfish areas classified as APPROVED and in the "open" status to shellfish harvesting are now open to the harvest of whole and roe-on Sea scallops for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, section 52. Similarly, those shellfish areas classified as CONDITIONALLY APPROVED are open subject to the classification conditions.

WESTERN PORTION OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY and CAPE COD BAY Status: Open to Shellfishing (as noted above)

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of those areas in Massachusetts Bay (MB2, 4, 8, 9 and 10) seaward to the three mile town limits and all of Cape Cod Bay (CCB:1 - CCB:51)."

Sincerely,	
Paul J. Diodati	
Director	

cc: J. Hanlon, R. Arduini, K. Dolan, R. Chausse, DELE D. McKiernan, M. Hickey, DMF WPC, DEP FDA DPH Constables of the above-listed towns